

January 13, 2022 – EMPIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at the Empire Township Hall by President Davis and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 7:00 p.m. Council members Bacon, Barr, Chase, Dye, Palmer and Rademacher were present.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – Dye added County AARPA Funds and Davis moved the New Business ahead of Old Business.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Motion by Barr, support by Bacon to approve the agenda as amended. Upon a voice vote, all voted aye. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – Meg Walton commented on the CIP.

COUNCIL MEMBER/COMMITTEE REPORTS – Chase reported on the Personnel Committee meeting of Jan. 3rd.

NEW BUSINESS

PRESIDENT AND TREASURER PRO TEMP APPOINTMENTS – **Motion by Chase, supported by Barr to appoint Bacon as President Pro Tempore. Upon unanimous roll call votes of Aye, MOTION PASSED. Motion by Barr, support Dye to appoint Chase as Treasurer Pro Tempore. A unanimous roll call vote yielded all ayes. MOTION PASSED.**

DRUG FREE WORK ENVIRONMENT POLICY – Bacon reviewed the draft policy, based on Leelanau County's, which is required for receipt of Federal funds. It will be added to the Regular meeting agenda for approval.

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS (SEC. 3.19 SIDEWALKS AND 7.08 PUD) – Bacon reviewed the Planning Commission's recommendations. Palmer asked about responsibility for sidewalk maintenance. It was suggested this be added to a future work session agenda. The amendments will be added to the Regular Meeting Agenda for a vote.

LEELANAU COUNTY DATABASE MANAGEMENT & TAX PRINTING AGREEMENT – **Motion by Barr, support by Bacon to approve signing this Intergovernmental Agreement. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.**

COUNTY AARPA FUNDING – Dye wondered if anyone would attend the County Commissioners meeting. There was discussion of the items requested by the Village. County, Township and Village participation in a solution for the drainage off Wilco Road was discussed. It was noted that Barr will contact the Road Commission and Davis will contact the Township.

OLD BUSINESS

2022-2028 CIP – Discussion of alley maintenance vs alley grind and replace was reviewed. Priorities from the 2022-23 CIP were discussed for inclusion in the next year's budget. Lambkin Lane was moved to the 2024-25 CIP as a grind and replace improvement. There was discussion of a Wastewater Study. **Motion by Bacon, support by Barr to remove a Wastewater Study**

from the CIP for the next 5 years. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Barr, Bacon, Rademacher, Chase, Davis. Nays: Palmer, Dye. MOTION PASSED. Motion by Palmer, support by Dye to have a Community Survey completed for interest in a Wastewater Study to be included in the CIP. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Palmer, Dye, Rademacher. Nays: Barr, Bacon, Davis, Chase. MOTION DEFEATED. Discussion of current CIP road projects continued. There was consensus that a beach groomer be removed from the CIP.

2022-23 BUDGET – The partial draft budget was reviewed. Sidewalks and Alleys were added to the General Fund as departments. There was discussion of the 10K included in Parks and this item should be increased to \$23,500. Committees will finalize projects and the associated costs to be included in final Repair and Replacement totals. Each fund was reviewed and questions regarding inclusion of temporary summer help, tree removal and grants, and Tree Inventory software were discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Meg Walton commented on the Wastewater Study, Master Plan Survey responses and a beach groomer. John Lambkin commented on the Wastewater Study.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT – Bacon congratulated the Council on achieving a great deal over the past year and is grateful for collaborating with each member. Rademacher inquired about the status of the Drainage District. Dye stated she will attend the County Commissioners meeting.

ADJOURNMENT at 9:04 p.m.

Derith Smith Empire Village Clerk

These minutes were approved at the January 25, 2022, Regular Council meeting.